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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – R.W.S. & S. Department – Allegation of payment made to un-authorized persons from the amount due from Smt.T.Sandhya Rani, Contractor in violation of A.P.Standard Specifications and misused the powers vested in Clause:P.S.60 of APDSS in respect of the work "Operation and Maintenance of CPWS Scheme to 55 habitations in Y.Palem & Dornala areas in Prakasam District for the year 2013-14 – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant, RWS&S (P) Division, Podili, Prakasam District - Inquiry conducted – Charge partially held proved - Imposition of minor penalty of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 72. **Dated 25.02.2022.**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.146, PR & RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated 14.02.2018 read with G.O.Rt.No.152, PR & RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated 14.02.2018.
2. Written Statement of Defence of the charged officer Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant received through letter No.Vig(4)/ RWS&S/ 1251/2014, dated 16.05.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.375, PR & RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated 16.05.2019.
4. From the Engineer-in-Chief & Inquiry Officer, RWS&S, Vijayawada, letter No.ENC/RWS&S/Ypalem & dornala/Inquiry Report/2020, dated 22.10.2020.
5. Govt. Memo. No.5319/Vig.VI/2016, dated 19.05.2021 of PR & RD (Vig.VI) Department.
6. Written Representation of Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant received through letter No.Vig(4)/RWS&S/1251/2014, dated 18.11.2021.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, Government have initiated Common Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 duly framing the following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant, RWS&S (P) Division, Podili, Prakasam District on the allegation of payment made to un-authorized persons from the amount due from Smt.T.Sandhya Rani, Contractor in violation of A.P.Standard Specifications and misused the powers vested in Clause:P.S.60 of APDSS in respect of the work "Operation and Maintenance of CPWS Scheme to 55 habitations in Y.Palem & Dornala areas in Prakasam District for the year 2013-14, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:-

Charge:

That Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Senior Assistant, RWS&S (P) Division, Podili, Prakasam District has failed to discharge his legitimate duties by allowing Sri G.Jyothi Babu, Senior Assistant to pass cheque in favour of unauthorized person for the work repairs and renewals in O&M of CPWS Scheme to 55 habitations in Y.Palem and Dornala areas for the year 2013-14.

2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the charged officer Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant has submitted his written statement of defence and requested to drop further action against him.

(P.T.O.)

3. As the written statement of defence of the charged officer was not convincing, it was decided to conduct regular inquiry and in the reference 3rd read above, orders were issued, appointing the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant, RWS&S (P) Division, Podili, Prakasam District and five (5) others.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief & Inquiry Officer, RWS&S, Vijayawada has submitted his Inquiry Report and held that the charge framed against the charged officer Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant was partially held proved in the inquiry.

5. The report of the Inquiry Officer has been accepted and in the reference 5th read above, a copy of Inquiry Report was communicated to the charged officer Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of Inquiry Officer.

6. In the reference 6th read above, the charged officer Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant has submitted his written representation and requested to exonerate him from the charge framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.

7. Government have examined the entire matter carefully and observed that the charged officer had committed procedural lapses in order to avoid legal complications under the provisions of Contract Labour Act due to non-payment of wages to the Labour by the Contractor.

8. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose a minor penalty of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant, RWS&S (P) Division, Podili, Prakasam District, as the charge framed against him, was partially held proved in the inquiry.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.Venkateswarlu, the then Sr. Assistant, RWS&S (P) Division,
Podili, Prakasam District through the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission.
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER